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PASSING OF CDR BRIAN D. WATKINS DC, USN (RET)

Shipmates, it is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Commander Brian D. Watkins, DC, USN (ret).

Raymond - Brian Doud Watkins, age 66, was called home to heaven by God on April 5, 2021. He was born in Illinois on August 2, 1954 to parents Wayne and Betty (nee. Godwin) Watkins and was baptized shortly after. In 1966, he was confirmed in the Christian faith and was a member at St. John's Episcopal Church.



CDR Watkins had a long career in the United States Navy. He went to Endodontic training at Bethesda, Maryland. Among his duty stations were Great Lakes Naval Base, San Diego, Hawaii, Japan and on the USS Inchon during the Gulf War. After retiring from the Navy, he continued working as an Endodontist until his death. CDR Watkins' leadership abilities showed up early as he earned his Eagle Scout badge - Order of the Arrow, and at Millikin University, where he was a founding member of the ATO fraternity and, later, Editor of the dental newspaper, "Word of Mouth". He had many interests including - but not limited to - the American Dental Association and the Wisconsin Dental Association, where he was a member of the board of trustees. CDR Watkins also served as a volunteer with Mission of Mercy, participated in various study clubs, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he served as treasurer. He also enjoyed all sports and loved playing tennis and golf.

CDR Watkins was a loving, generous father, stepfather, grandfather, husband, son, brother, and uncle, often going out of his way to be helpful and supportive. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Betty; wife, Debra; son, Adam; step-children, Adam (Janet) and Rebecca (Luke); grandchildren, Emma, Jacob, and Lilly; siblings, Libby (Jim), Marti (Mike) and Bruce (Amy); many other relatives, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program - Cottage 16 at the Southern Wisconsin Center, are appreciated. Their contact information is: 21425 Spring Street, Building D, Fairchild Hall, Union Grove, WI 53182, 262-878-9151

Rest in Peace Commander Watkins.

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